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Title: EQUIPMENT FOR DISTRIBUTION AND

FEEDING OF CHARGE AND FUEL IN SHAFT

FURNACES OF RECTANGULAR CROSS SECTION

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 11 pages, including 2 independent claims and 17 claims total.
2. Drawings- 4 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-4).
3. Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 1.22(b)(2)(B)(i).
4. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$710	\$ 710.00
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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).  
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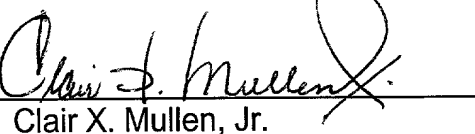
Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due and  
any other fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application  
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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR NON-PUBLICATION OF APPLICATION AND  
CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

As an authorized agent of the above-identified applicants, the undersigned attorney hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b).

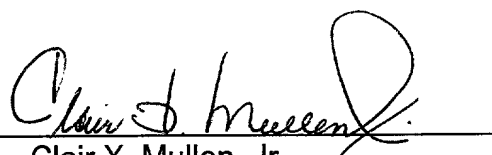
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Respectfully submitted,

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